

Strategy: To Realize a Smart Border for the 21st Century (April 2002).⁴¹

- A group of eminent persons, led by Peter McPherson, President of Michigan State University sent a letter to President Bush and Prime Minister Chrétien advising on ways to have the border remain seamless and secure.⁴²

While the issue has become a platform for some advocating greater North American integration⁴³, a security perimeter⁴⁴, a customs union⁴⁵, or a common currency,⁴⁶ the majority of

⁴¹ For detail about the Canadian/American Border Trade Alliance and the "perimeter clearance" strategy see www.canambta.org. Jim Phillips, President and CEO of the Canadian/American Border Trade Alliance stresses that his alliance's strategy is not the elimination of the Canada-US border nor is it the creation of a customs union; rather, the alliance's "vision" is this: "the US and Canada working together to strengthen protection of the external borders and expediting the movement of low-risk people and goods at the common border between the two countries. Jim Phillips, interview with author, Department of Foreign Affairs, February 24th, 2003.

⁴² Peter McPherson, James Blanchard, Carol B. Hallett, Roger B. Porter, John P. Simpson, John F. Smith, Jr., Bob Stallman, Robert Teeter, J. Robinson West, George Weyerhauser, Derek Burney, David L. Emerson, James K. Gray, Michael Hart, Stanley Hartt, M. Daniel Johnson, Thomas Kierans, Angus Reid, David W. Strangway and Paul Tellier, "Letter to President George W. Bush and the Right Honourable Jean Chrétien," (November 26th, 2001), Michigan State University News Releases.

⁴³ Wendy Dobson, "Shaping the Future of the North American Space: A Framework for Action," *C.D. Howe Institute Commentary*, no. 162 (April 2002); Michael Hart and William Dymond, "Common Borders, Shared Destinies: Canada, the United States and Deepening Integration," Centre for Trade Policy and Law; Internet Paper; Available at <http://www.carleton.ca/ctpl/borders/hartdymondweb.htm>; Accessed November 27th, 2002.

⁴⁴ Stéphane Roussel, "Le Canada et le périmètre de sécurité Nord-Américain: Sécurité, souveraineté ou prospérité?" *Policy Options* (April 2002), 15-22.

⁴⁵ Rolf Mirus and Nataliya Rylska, "Economic Integration: Free Trade Areas vs. Customs Unions" in *NAFTA and the New Millenium*, ed. P. Smith (2003), forthcoming.